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10 a.m SRI K. GOVINDA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether a request has been made by a private organization at Visakhapatnam for seeking financial aid from the Government for the starting of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Visakhapatnam?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"The request will be given due consideration."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—"Sir, about Rs. 1 lakh and odd are being given as grant for the two sanatoria in Andhra districts but only Rs. 45,000 for the different sanatoria in Tamil Nad; so far as the Tanjore sanatorium is concerned, not even a single pie has been given as grant. Will the Government consider the desirability of giving some grant to the Tanjore sanatorium at least now?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"With regard to the Tanjore sanatorium I had already answered the question yesterday. The sanatorium must work for a year, its accounts should be audited, we must know what deficit there is—all these things have to be ascertained. Then only we can fix the grant-in-aid to be given to it."

Tour of the Famine Commissioner in Salem district.

* 590 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Famine Commissioner has at any time toured the Salem district during the year 1952–53; and

(*b*) if so, the report submitted by him to the Government and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—

"(*a*) The Famine Commissioner toured Salem district once in May 1952 and again in November 1952.

"(*b*) With reference to the impressions formed by him during his tour in May 1952, the Famine Commissioner issued instructions to the Collector in regard to the maintenance of an attendance register, supply of uniform quantity of gruel in all the centres, substitution of wheat for rice and horsegram in lieu of greengram and maintenance of discipline and order in the distribution of gruel. He also suggested to the Collector the sinking of wells in Mecheri village of Omalur taluk and in certain villages of Sankari sub-taluk and the taking up of minor irrigation and rural water-supply works in Tiruchengode taluk. After his tour in November 1952 the Famine Commissioner issued instructions to the Collector regarding the continuance of gruel centres and arrangements to be made to engage the three categories of persons attending the gruel centres in useful activities and the recipe of the gruel to be supplied. He also instructed the Collector to take up irrigation works in the first instance. Where there was no irrigation works the Collector was asked to

propose a road work. The Famine Commissioner also suggested the taking up of the Mettur left bank canal at a cest of Rs. 2 lakhs if there were no rains in the next fortnight. In pursuance of the Famine Commissioner's suggestions irrigation works were taken up and pushed through wherever there was urgent need for them. This answer may apply to the next question 591 also, Sir."

Tour of the Famine Commissioner in Salem district.

* 591 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the parts visited by the Famine Commissioner in Salem district in 1952–53; and

(*b*) the recommendations made by him after his tour in that district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—

"(*a*) The Famine Commissioner visited Harur, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Omalur and Tiruchengode taluks in May 1952, and in November 1952, he visited certain parts of the district.

"(*b*) The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 590 by Sri M. P. Subramanyam, M.L.A."

SRI M. PALANIANDI:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Union Minister, Mr. Krishnamachari, toured only those places where the local union Congressmen invited him and that too at midnight and that he did not visit the famine areas?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"This question concerns the Famine Commissioner. What has that to do with Mr. Krishnamachari?"

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Famine Commissioner visited the other taluks of the district?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I am afraid some other hon. Member may ask me whether the Famine Commissioner visited some hamlets in the district, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—"Will the Hon. Minister enlighten us whether famine follows or precedes the Famine Commissioner?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"What has that to do with the present question?"

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA:—"Are the Government aware of the fact that the reports sent by the Sub-Collector of Penukonda and the Collector differed from one another and if so what did the Famine Commissioner say in his report?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member may put a separate question."